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SENATOR MARVEL: I have answered your question, Senator Cavanaugh, as the best I can two different times. I am sorry that I cannot permit you to put words in my mouth.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: All I am asking for is a Yes or No as to whether this is a good budget.

SENATOR MARVEL: You ask Senator Carpenter. He has asked for a yes or no a time or two of me in here too and you have been in the Legislative body long enough to know that you can pose questions to somebody asking for a yes or no answer which may satisfy you but it will not necessarily satisfy the existing circumstances. So, twice I have answered the questions to the best of my ability.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I thank you, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I might..if Senator Stahmer would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Stahmer, would you care to answer that same question whether or not this is the best possible budget?

SENATOR STAHMER: I will answer the question in the following way. I don't think the budget was discussed on the floor...

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I am sorry to interrupt this but let's have a point of order here. We are discussing an amendment to the Budget bill as proposed by Senator Goodrich, if I recall correctly, and we are now off on a question and answer situation regarding personalities and people and I don't think it is necessary. I think a point of order should be taken.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, Senator Duis, the question before the body is whether or not we should return LB 259 to Select File for specific amendments. The question as to whether or not this is the best possible budget in its present form, I couldn't think of anything more germane than to ask that question of the Chairman of the Budget Committee upon whose judgment this body should rely. I couldn't think of anything more appropriate to ask him and I certainly don't consider it a personal affront to Senator Marvel to ask him that question. That's..that's his function in this Legislature to offer that opinion to us.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Cavanaugh, this is a specific amendment we are returning this for, not a general amendment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Exactly. Senator Stahmer.

PRESIDENT: I...Senator Cavanaugh, the chair is in a very indelicate position in this and as you can well sure know, at least, this presiding officer allows, I think, probably, a general latitude of discussion and inquiry. Perhaps, many times over and above that which is ordinarily allowed and in this instance we do have the specific amendment and so, I can only ask you at this time to try to confine your